

Review 21 Parametric Equations

$x = f(t)$ $y = g(t)$ describes a curve (2D)

usually given $\frac{dx}{dt}$, $\frac{dy}{dt}$ and $t_i, (x_i, y_i)$
initial condition

to solve for x_f and y_f , use FTC

acceleration:
vector $\left\langle \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right\rangle$

$$\text{speed} = |\hat{v}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$$

$$\text{total distance} = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

(arc length)

$$\text{slope} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \quad \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$$

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Ex 1 $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{3t}$ $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3 \cos\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$

The particle is at position (1,5) when $t=4$

- find $\hat{a}(4)$
- find $y(0)$
- when does the speed first reach 3.5?
- find the total distance on $0 \leq t \leq 4$
- find the equation of the tan line at $t=4$

a) $\hat{a}(4) = \langle 0.433, -11.872 \rangle$

b) $5 + \int_4^0 3 \cos\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt = 1.600$

c) $\sqrt{3t + 9 \cos^2\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)} = 3.5 \quad t = 2.225$

d) $\int_0^4 \sqrt{3t + 9 \cos^2\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)} dt = 13.182$

e) $m = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \bigg|_{t=4} = -0.126$

$$y = -0.126(x-1) + 5$$

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